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MORE HARDWARE CLUBS URGED TO AID DEALERS

ALL OKLAHOMA TO BE INCLUDED

New Idea Is Suggested to Convention Here By Chicago Speaker.

The advisability of organizing local clubs of retail hardware and implement dealers in every town in Oklahoma will be one of the chief propositions considered at the twelfth annual convention of the Oklahoma Hardware and Implement association which is in session at the Lee-Huckins hotel.

The local club idea was presented to the convention at the afternoon session by E. W. McCullough of Chicago, secretary and general manager of the National Implement and Vehicle association of the United States. The purpose of such local organizations would be to give retailers an opportunity to meet and discuss matters relating to the immediate welfare of the trade and which affected the particular community, also to secure greater cooperation between the dealers and the farmers and other customers.

The opening session of the convention was held last night at the Lee-Huckins hotel when a short program was rendered consisting of music, addresses and other special features. Wednesday's program opened at 9:30 o'clock this morning with a special musical number and a report by W. R. Porch of Mustang, secretary-treasurer of the association.

Membership Increases.

Secretary Porch reported an increase in the membership of the association of 100 during the past year bringing the total up to 300. More than thirty new members were added since the opening of the present convention. The attendance at the convention, including visitors from other kindred associations, is estimated by Secretary Porch at 400.

N. A. Stone of Shawnee, who was a delegate to the Indianapolis convention in May, delivered a report of that meeting which he characterized as the most successful ever held by the organization. He said that speakers at the convention declared that all the regulations in connection with the parcels post are calculated to help the big mail order houses causing a loss of business for retail dealers.

E. E. Mitchell, president of the National Retail Hardware association who was scheduled to deliver an address this morning was unable to be present and C. T. Woodward of Carlisle, Ill., vice president of the association, was placed on the program to fill Mr. Mitchell's place. Following the addresses the "Question Box" was opened and a general discussion was held in executive session of matters which are of interest to the hardware and implement trade.

Several matters of vital importance are to come before the association in addition to that of organizing local clubs. These were presented for endorsement of the organization by Mr. E. W. McCullough, who, as secretary and general manager of the National Implement and Vehicle association, which represents the manufacturers and the hardware and implement retail associations of the various states.

To Aid Small Dealers. One of these questions is to prevent the railroads from carrying out their announced intention of cutting off the car stoppage service. The railroads recently announced this new regulation but through protests of the various hardware, implement and vehicle associations the interstate commerce commission was induced to suspend operation of the proposed rule until after a hearing is held. The Oklahoma association will arrange to secure evidence to show that such a regulation would put the small retail dealer who cannot always buy in carload lots, out of business.

Another afternoon address was that of T. G. Wilcox of Cherokee, Kansas, a director of the National Federation of Implement and Vehicle dealers' association who reviewed the work of the federation for a number of years past and spoke of its future. Among prominent visitors from other states are R. W. Sharples of St. Louis, president of the Sharples Hardware company of that city who will give an address tomorrow and R. H. Ogil of St. Louis sales manager for the same firm.

Owing to serious illness of his wife, Frederick Pfaff, president of the association, was not present to deliver his annual address. The convention voted to send him a telegram of sympathy. N. O. Davis of Oklahoma City, vice president of the association, presided over the sessions.

The Oklahoma City Manufacturers and Jobbers association today completed arrangements for a smoker which will be held at the Skirvin hotel tomorrow night beginning at 8 o'clock at which some special entertainment features will be presented including vaudeville. From this smoker the members will adjourn to the Lyric theater where the annual "high jinks" will be given which will consist of select vaudeville features gathered from the various playhouses of the city.

TURNING TO STONE.

Meriden, Conn., Dec. 9.—Physicians today described as exceptional among medical cases in this section that of Mrs. William J. Fredericks, fifty years old, wife of a local merchant, who gradually is turning to stone. Her lower limbs are petrified and her arms are becoming rigid and stay in a fixed position across her chest. Her mind is clear, but her voice has failed, and only her husband and the nurses can understand the noises she utters. Specialists say the case presents new questions, and some believe the patient suffers from a kind of rheumatism. All regard her case as hopeless and wonder at her vitality. She has been ill five years.

CANNON URGES RATE INCREASE

In First Formal Appearance Since Election Former Speaker Comments on Industrial Situation.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—"If we can't do it, we will be in such a predicament that we will be afraid to do it," was the comment on the industrial situation made by Joseph G. Cannon before the Illinois Manufacturers' association in his first formal appearance since his election to congress for his twelfth term, after two years absence. Cannon, must seem to be granted an increase in rates, he said, or they will be in such a predicament that they will be afraid to do it.

Government by commission and what he described as illegal interference by federal officials with private business were denounced by Senator Cannon, of Massachusetts, another speaker. "Few people realize," the senator said, "the break neck speed at which we have been drifting into that form of socialism which has to do with governmental control of business—in a word, internationalism."

HONORED BY WIRELESS

Former American Ambassador Herick Decorated While at Sea By Order of French President.

New York, Dec. 9.—The Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor is on its way across the sea from the president of France to Miron T. Herick in recognition of Herick's service to the French while American ambassador. Herick was decorated yesterday with the Red Ribbon, emblematic of the cross by the captain of the steamship Rochambeau, acting on wireless orders from the French ambassador at Washington. The Rochambeau bearing Herick home from France docked today.

GIN RATES TO COURT

Order of Commission Expected to Be Taken to High Tribunal by Chandler Company.

The jurisdiction of the corporation commission relative to rate making for ginning cotton will probably be tested in an appeal to the supreme court from an order of the commission by the Oklahoma Ginning company of Chandler, taken today. It was realized that an order fixing such a rate was not appealable, the ginning company made it possible to bring the whole question into review by the high court. The corporation commission made an order fixing the ginning rates at 50 cents a hundred pounds, lint and 5¢ for bagging and ties. The ginning company did not abide the order consequently were cited for contempt and fined by the commission. The ginning company appeals from the fine imposed and brings into question the jurisdiction of the commission in making the order which finally brought the fine upon the ginning company.

NOBLE PEACE PRIZE NOT TO BE PRESENTED THIS YEAR

LONDON, Dec. 8.—It is officially announced that the parliamentary Nobel committee has resolved not to sit this year for distribution of the peace prize, says a Reuters Telegram company's dispatch from Christians.

MISSION DEACON KILLS GIRL HE WOULD REFORM

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Nannie Stricklin, 12 years old, was shot and killed in front of the yard of her home today by Robert Bailey, 35, a deacon at one of the city missions. Bailey said he had been trying to reform the girl and that he killed her because he was unable to do so. After shooting the child Bailey shot himself with the same revolver. He was in a dying condition when he was placed in an ambulance and taken to a hospital.

Neighbors of the Stricklins say Bailey was seen frequently about the Stricklin home, always looking after the girl. Mrs. Laura Stricklin, mother of the girl, said Bailey had annoyed her for more than a year in an effort to adopt the child, saying he wanted to bring her up in the right way and marry her when she was grown. Although only twelve years old, the Stricklin girl was well-developed and very pretty.

Stalwart Parthans of India Ready to Fight Germans.



This is one specimen of the kind of soldiers sent to the continent of Europe by Great Britain to fight the Germans. They are Parthans, and belong to an old frontier regiment which has a reputation in India. They are much stronger and larger than the average Hindoo. In fact, the Hindoos as a class are so weak that they would do little in the field. But those who have enlisted in the British army in India have been fed, and the effects of generations of famine have to some extent worn off.

GERMANS FLEE BEFORE SLAVS

Petrograd Reports That Corps of Teuton Veterans From Belgium Is Defeated.

Petrograd, Dec. 8.—(Delayed)—An official communication says: "Engagements that have developed in the region of Ciechanow, east of the East Prussian border, have not been terminated. In the fighting near Piotrkow we were only partly successful. "The battle begun December 5, southeast of Ciechanow, developed in our favor. Our reinforcements seriously defeated reinforcements that formed in the valley of Leczyca. "The Twenty-fourth German corps, transferred here from Belgium, was partly disabled and put to flight with striking a blow. We silenced five field batteries and captured several cannons. "Although they have done all they could in a primary way they are ready to show a willing hand in doing good for this and other destitute families by letting others know about them so they can give their help."

Paris, Dec. 9.—An official announcement from the war department today says: "On December 8 there was artillery firing from the southeast to Lyons. "In the Artois region and further south all positions won in the last ten days have been organized and consolidated. "In the Alsace region artillery exchanges and infantry fighting resulted in appreciable gains for us. Several German trenches were occupied and we made progress along the entire front save one point where the enemy blew up one of our trenches with a mine. "On the heights of the Meuse our artillery showed itself distinctly the master. Here and in the Argonne region we made progress, along the entire front and have occupied German trenches. "In the Vosges we repulsed several attacks northwest of Simons. "In the remainder of the Vosges region the enemy has made no serious attack. "Stubborn attacks of the Germans against the Russian front from Ilow to Lowicz and from Strykow to Lodz and also along a line running north and south ten miles to the west of Piotrkow, were repulsed. Nevertheless, because of an exposed position of Lodz, the Russians have found it advisable to evacuate this city. "In Galicia, the Austrians, who appear to have received German reinforcements, have resumed the offensive southeast of Cracow against the Russian left wing. "The Serbian armies are making progress in the valleys of the western Morava and on the left bank of the river Ljta. They have taken the heights of Metjen, capturing numerous prisoners and cannon."

THIS FAMILY IN WANT

Girls at Scott-Halliburton Have Helped, But Are Unable to Give Substantial Aid Needed.

An amateur but highly efficient provision association has been conducted by the girls in different departments at the Scott-Halliburton company recently, but they are now beyond their depth with cases where help is needed by really needy people.

Mother, father and six children are in desperate straits and must have help before long, according to Miss Whitten the leader of the helping girls at the big store. "They are nearly destitute," she said and their water supply has been cut off for non-payment.

Any help offered will be gladly received at the military department of the Scott-Halliburton store by Miss Whitten or direct help may be given at the home, 119 West Noble. A little effort will go far toward making six little children happy, an invalid mother and a sick father very comfortable and happy this Christmas.

Although they have done all they could in a primary way they are ready to show a willing hand in doing good for this and other destitute families by letting others know about them so they can give their help.

ORDER IS MODIFIED

Corporation Commission Declares Previous Action Affecting Texas Company to Be Rescinded.

The corporation commission today modified an order recently made affecting the Texas company north of Bird creek in the northern portion of Tulsa county. On November 10 the commission made an order exempting the company as a common purchaser of oil in the territory mentioned. The action of the commission is stated:

"Since the order exempting said company certain producers have complained to the commission that this line may be necessary for use in the future, and that inasmuch as the defendant, (the Magnolia), is a common purchaser of oil in the state of Oklahoma, that the Texas company and the oil producers should be left to their legal rights in the premises. "It is therefore ordered that the order exempting the Texas company November 10 is hereby set aside and held for naught."

CHOLERA IS SPREADING IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

Rotterdam, Dec. 9.—The Berlin board of health, according to information reaching Rotterdam, reported thirty-six cases of cholera in Germany in November. In Austria, especially in Galicia, cholera is spreading rapidly. Eight hundred and forty-four cases were reported in the first week of November in which period there was 331 deaths. In Hungary in the same week there was 532 cases.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy weather tonight and Thursday; colder tonight with freezing temperature. Probably warmer Thursday.

7 a. m. 34
8 a. m. 34
9 a. m. 34
10 a. m. 34
11 a. m. 34
12 noon 34
1 p. m. 34
2 p. m. 34
3 p. m. 34
Snow has fallen since Tuesday morning over the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains and plains states as far south as Kansas, in the upper Mississippi and Ohio valleys, lake region and northwestern districts. Rate has fallen in the lower Mississippi valley and east Gulf states.

POOLS AVERT NATIONAL CALAMITY SAYS M'ADOO

BOY TAKES "COLD CURE"

Tarrytown, N. J., Dec. 9.—Willie Sines, who carries telegraph messages for John D. and William Rockefeller, believes in getting his Christmas presents early. This afternoon he was sent to the bank by the local manager with a ten-dollar gold piece for safe keeping. He put it in his mouth. He would have delivered the coin as ordered, but he stubbed his toe, and as he fell he swallowed the gold piece. "Willie" declared, that he has adopted a "watchful waiting" policy.

GRAFT DENIED AT CONVENTION

President of Rivers and Harbors' Congress Meeting Champions Defeated Bill—Address By Bryan.

Washington, Dec. 9.—An address by Secretary of State Bryan opened the National Rivers and Harbors' Congress convention here today. Senator Randall, president of the congress, in an address, denounced attacks on the rivers and harbors bill passed last session of congress and the filibuster that resulted in a practical defeat of the measure.

"To assert that rivers and harbors bills are full of 'pork' graft and corrupt items," said Randall, "is to assert that the United States engineering corps, members of the house and senate committees and a majority of the senators and representatives who voted for these measures are guilty of plain stealing."

He said he had never known sectionalism or politics to enter into making up of a rivers and harbors bill.

WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL

Churches of Christ Will Pray for "True Religion"—Secretary Bryan a Delegate.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—The commission on evangelism of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America has adopted a resolution here asking that all churches unite in prayer for "a world-wide revival of true religion."

Various official and committee reports were submitted to the opening session of the annual convention of the council here today. Immigration problems, the mission field, proposals for world peace and arbitration and a proposed world congress of churches will be among the subjects discussed. Secretary of State Bryan is expected to attend the meeting as a delegate.

OLD FLAG RETURNED

Russians Return Insignia of French Defeat to the Original Owners.

Paris, Dec. 9.—The emperor of Russia has restored to France a flag which since the war of 1870 had been in German hands, until its recent capture by the Russians during their invasion of East Prussia. An official announcement to this effect says:

"By the order of Emperor Nicholas, a French flag which was captured from the French of Tannenberg in 1870, has been handed over to the French embassy at Petrograd. The flag was found by Russians in the office's possession of the eleventh dragon regiment which was garrisoned at Lyck, East Prussia."

AUSTRALIAN MERINO WOOL TO BE SENT TO UNITED STATES

London, Dec. 9.—It has been announced that the government would permit exportation to the United States of Australian Merino wool bought during the present sales or at other times provided satisfactory guarantees were furnished that the wool would not be reshipped to hostile countries.

DYNAMITE BLOWS LIFT AND TEN MEN TO PIECES

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 9.—Ten mine workers were instantly killed here today in the Diamond shaft of the Lackawanna & Western company when a box of dynamite that was being lowered into the mine exploded. Fourteen men were in the lift when the explosion came and ten of them were terribly mangled. Their bodies were torn to pieces and small portions were blown entirely out of the mine.

The mangled bodies fell back on the elevator, the machinery of which was wrecked. The explosion of the dynamite blasted the elevator shaft with the blood of the victims. The lift fell to the bottom of the shaft with its terrible load of mangled humanity, a mass of bones and bleeding flesh. Four of the men escaped being killed, but they were badly hurt and may die from their injuries.

Only 13 Shopping Days
Until Christmas—Time's Flying

PANIC DANGER NOW IS ENDED

Secretary of Treasury Department Reviews Financial Situation to Congress.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary McAdoo in his annual report to congress today outlined at length the steps taken by the treasury department to restore confidence and support American business, shaken and weakened by the European war.

"A catastrophe of calamitous proportions," said the report, "was narrowly averted. It is a tribute to the economic strength and soundness of the country and to the patriotism of its people in every class and walk of life that the shock has been so admirably withstood. A panic of cataclysmic proportions might easily have resulted and if it had, the injury to the country would have been incalculable and many years would have been required to overcome its effects."

By formation of the \$100,000,000 gold pool, the \$185,000,000 cotton loan and issues of emergency currency and the deposit of crop moving money in national banks, the situation was relieved, and confidence was revived," the report says.

Danger Is Averted.

"Through the prompt and effective action of the treasury department and with the cordial and intelligent cooperation of the banking and business interests of the country the danger has been averted," says the report. "Confidence has been restored and specie payments have been maintained in the face of the war."

"At no time since the war broke out has there been, to the knowledge of this department, with the exception of a few isolated cases, a failure on the part of any solvent national bank to honor its checks in currency or money or to meet its obligations."

"The general revival of business throughout the country is the best evidence that confidence has been restored. There is every reason why the country should look forward to the future with confidence so far as its trade, commerce and industry are concerned."

In spite of drains from Europe, where the nation owed about \$450,000,000 at the outbreak of the war, Secretary McAdoo says that the treasury's gold holdings show a reduction of only \$88,456,279 on December 31, 1914, compared with holdings of \$1,258,218,357 on June 30, 1913.

Secretary McAdoo referred in some detail to his action against banks which he publicly announced, were hoarding up money, piling up reserves and charging high interest rates without good cause. It was a dangerous duty, he said, but one which resulted in a determination on his own part to withdraw government deposits from banks not using such funds for the benefit of the country.

Larger War Tax.

The secretary makes several recommendations. He suggests to congress that the war revenue tax law should not expire before October 31, 1915, but that its operation should be extended until the end of the European war, by proclamation of the president.

Discussing the income tax law the Secretary advocates a change in the law so that persons having a gross income of \$10,000 be required to make a return instead of those persons with a net income of that amount or over. "The collection of revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914," says Mr. McAdoo, "show the success of the tariff act of October 3, 1913, as a revenue measure." He goes on to show that this act was estimated as the producer of \$270,000,000 in its first year and that there was actually collected \$292,320,014.

That, however, included three months under the new law and three months under the Payne-Aldrich law. He shows that the total raised under the new law with its corporation and income tax features was \$363,701,289 or \$93,681,289 in excess of the previous year's receipts under the preceding revenue measure.

"The European war," said the Secretary, "seriously affected the revenues of the government from imports. The revenue from customs for October, 1914, was \$16,271,829 and for October, 1913, it was \$30,000,049, a decrease of \$13,728,220. The reduction is solely due to the falling off in importations. The estimate made by the department indicated a yearly decrease of between \$60,000,000 and \$100,000,000. It is obvious that these estimates cannot be accurate as no one can forecast the course of events while the Titanic struggle in Europe is in progress. To keep the treasury in strong condition in these abnormal times was obviously the first duty of the hour. Upon it largely depended the safety of business and finance in this country."

LEO FRANK IS SENTENCED TO BE HANGED IN JANUARY

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9.—Leo M. Frank today was sentenced in the superior court to be hanged January 22 for the murder here in April, 1913, of Mary Phagan, a fourteen-year-old factory girl.